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JOINT EMBASSY/TDC MESSAGE

1. THE USAF F-4 SQUADRON AT CHING CHUAN KANG (CCK) AIR
BASE, TAIWAN, IS SCHEDULED TO BE WITHDRAWN TO KADENA AB

29-30 MAY 75. NEITHER THE GROC (AS INDICATED REF A AND RECENTLY REITERATED BY MND SPOKESMAN) NOR US MISSION BELIEVE THAT AN ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING THE WITHDRAWAL OF THIS SQUADRON IS NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE. HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO BE RESPONSIVE TO POSSIBLE NEWS MEDIA QUERIES FOLLOWING THE F-4 WITHDRAWAL, WE RECOMMEND FOLLOWING QUESTIONS/ ANSWERS TO USED BY DOD, CINCPAC AND TDC SPOKESMEN IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES ONLY. THEY CONSTITUTE UPDATE AND EXPANSION OF Q/A'S CONTAINED IN REF B. Q/A'S CONTAINED IN REFS C & D CONTINUE PROVIDE ADEQUATE GUIDANCE FOR EPLYING TO QUERIES ON BROADER QUESTION OF US MILITARY REDUCTIONS ON TAIWAN.

Q-1: HAS THE F-4 SQUADRON ON TAIWAN (AT CCK) BEEN WITHDRAWN?

A-1: YES.

Q-2: WHEN WAS THE SQUADRON WITHDRAWN?

A-2: THE SQUADRON WAS WITHDRAWN IN LATE MAY.

Q-3: WHERE WAS THE SQUADRON LOCATED?

A-3: AT CHING CHUAN KANG (CCK) AIR BASE.

Q-4: WHERE DID THE SQUADRON GO?

A-4: THE SQUADRON RETURNED TO ITS BASE AT KADENA, OKINAWA.

Q-5: WHY WERE THE F-4'S SENT TO TAIWAN?

A-5: THE F-4'S WERE SENT TEMPORARILY TO TAIWAN TO FILL AN AIR DEFENSE GAP RESULTING FROM THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S LOAN OF F-5 AIRCRAFT TO THE U.S. IN NOVEMBER 1972 FOR TRANSFER TO THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.

Q-6: WHY ARE THE F-4'S NO LONGER NEEDED ON TAIWAN?

A-6: UNDER THE UNDERSTANDING IN WHICH THEREPUBLIC OF CHINA LOANED THE AIRCRAFT, THE U.S. AGREED TO STATION USAF F-4 AIRCRAFT IN TAIWAN UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE LOANDED AIRCRAFT COULD BE RETURNED OR REPLACED. THOSE BORROWED AIRCRAFT HAVE NOW BEEN REPLACED.

Q-7: WHAT TYPE OF AIRCRAFT WERE GIVEN THE ROC AS REPLACEMENT FOR THE ONES IT LENT?

A-7: F-5 AIRCRAFT.

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Q-8: F-5A'S OR F-5E'S.

A-8: BOTH F-5A'S AND F-5E'S.

Q-9: ARE THERE ANY US COMBAT AIRCRAFT OR UNITS NOW STATIONED ON TAIWAN?

A-9: NO

Q-10: HOW MANY MEN/PLANES ARE INVOLVED IN THIS WITHDRAWAL?

A-10: APPROXIMATELY 450 PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE SQUADRON WILL BE WITHDRAWN; IN ADDITION APPROXIMATELY 900 ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO CCK AIRBASE ARE BEING WITHDRAWN. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 18-24 AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED TO A NORMAL F-4 SQUADRON.

Q-11: WHEN WAS THE FIRST F-4 SQUADRON WITHDRAWN?

A-11: ONE SQUADRON RETURNED TO ITS HOME BASE IN JULY

1974.

Q-12: IS THE WITHDRAWAL OF THESE PLANES RELATED IN ANY WAY TO THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE OF 1972?

A-12: THE WITHDRAWAL OF THESE PLANES IS RELATED TO AN UNDERSTANDING REACHED IN NOVEMBER 1972 BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE ROC. THAT UNDERSTANDING SPECIFIED THAT THE F-4'S WOULD BE WITHDRAWN WHEN THE AIRCRAFT LOANED BY THE ROC TO THE U.S. WERE EITHER RETURNED OR REPLACED. THOSE BORROWED AIRCRAFT HAVE NOW BEEN REPLACED.

2. THIS MESSAGE RESPONDS TO REF E.

3. EMBASSY TOKYO COMUSJAPAN MAY WISH TO COMMENT ON Q/A-4.

4. AS INDICATED REF A, GROC REGARDS WITHDRAWAL AS SENSITIVE. SPOKESMAN SHOULD RESPOND MINIMALLY TO ALL QUERIES ON THIS SUBJECT AND SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT VOLUNTEER ANY OF FOREGOING INFORMATION EXCEPT IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS.

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